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1. The following were present:

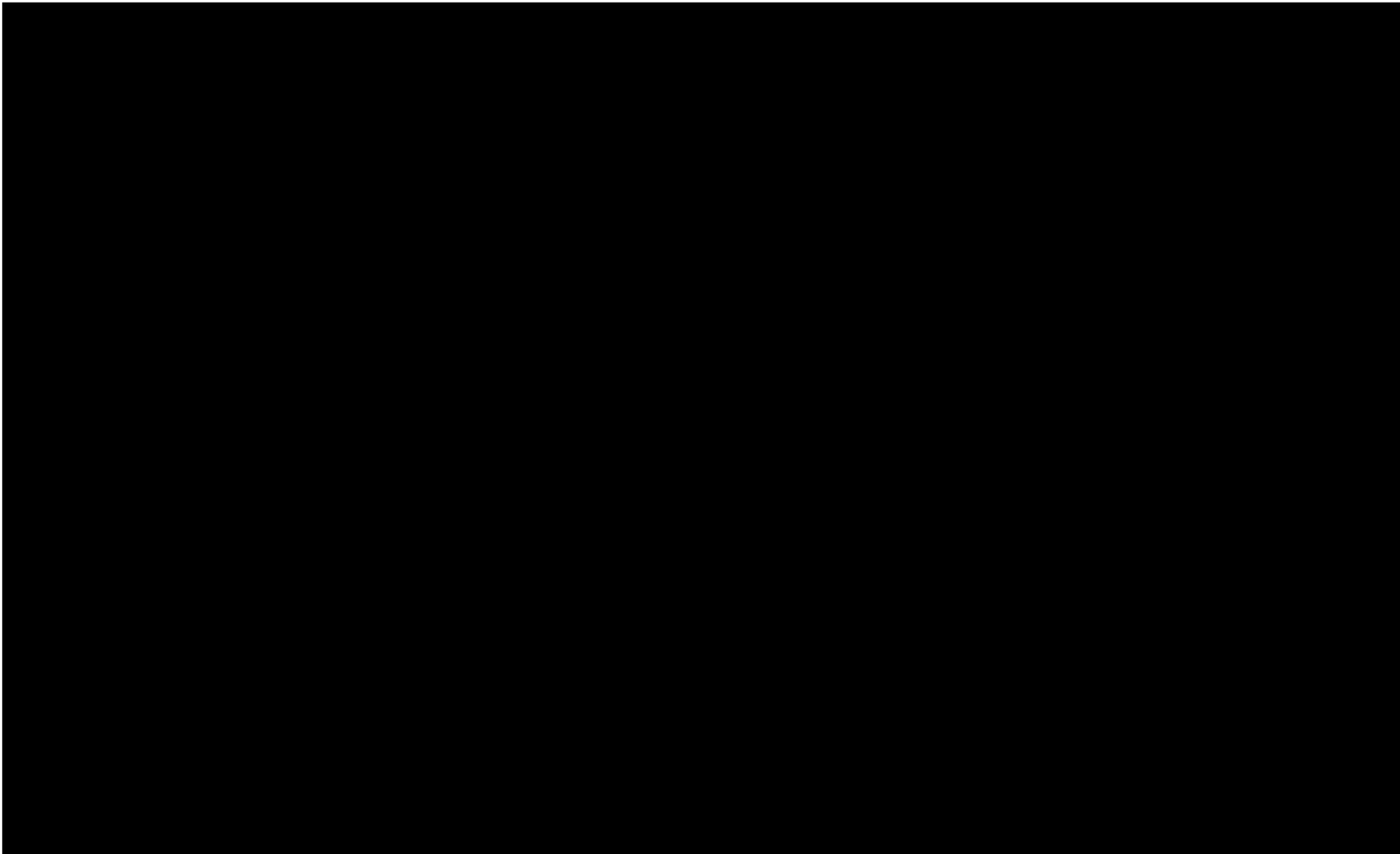
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2. The revised NIS Memorandum No. 11, Subject: Classification of NIS, which was distributed for study at the last meeting, was discussed and approved.

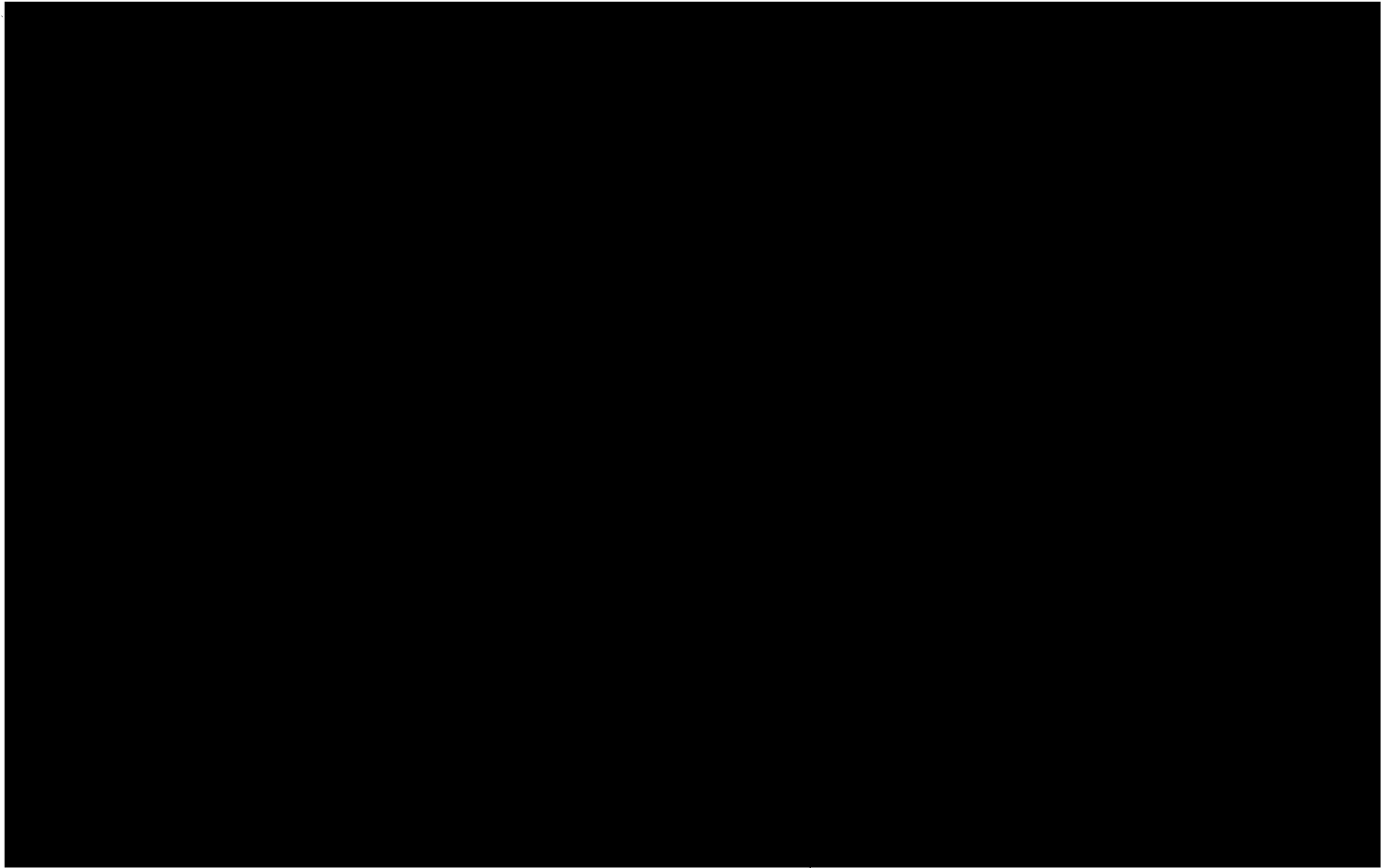
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5. The Committee considered the draft of Chapter VII Outline and Outline Guide which had been submitted by the Chapter VII Coordinator (OSI) at the last meeting. A number of minor changes were approved, and Section 72 was consolidated into a single section in lieu of the proposed five parts. The proposed organization for the production of Chapter VII was approved with the stipulation that specific committees should be indicated by the SIC in those instances where ad hoc committees were named.

The proposed production schedule for FY 1951 was approved, with the understanding that as soon as practicable the Chapter Coordinator will notify the NIS Committee of precise deadlines for the revision of Chapter VII, NIS 26, and that future production schedules for Chapter VII will be submitted in accordance with established NIS policies (i.e., definite commitments including areas and deadlines). It was noted by the Committee that the approval of the proposed FY 1951 schedule for Chapter VII cancels all existing schedules for that chapter.

The Chairman undertook to inform the Chapter VII Coordinator of the above mentioned actions of the NIS Committee.

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6. The Air Force member reported that his agency approves the proposed revision of the "Allocations of Production Responsibility for the Preparation of NIS". State, Army and Navy approved at the last meeting. This revision will be published and disseminated when pending Chapter VII allocations have been confirmed.

7. The Chairman announced that Army was undertaking a survey with a view to ascertaining the value of the NIS to the users. He stated that he was bringing it to the attention of the other members with the thought that they might desire to conduct similar surveys in their own agencies at this time. The Army member, at the request of the Chairman, stated that the survey was being initiated for the purpose of supplying Mr. Pace, Secretary of the Army, with information which he had requested as to the value of the NIS to the users. Copies of the questionnaire which Army intends to send out were distributed to the members to show the nature of the information being sought. The Chairman pointed out that in many instances the recipients of the NIS might not have had occasion to use the material, and that the questionnaire had, therefore, been drawn up to obtain expressions on the potential value from those who had not yet used the NIS as well as the opinions of those who had already found occasion to use these publications. Following discussion of the matter, the State, Navy and Air Force members decided to await the outcome of the Army survey before considering a similar survey in their own agencies.

8. The Chairman submitted for the consideration of the Committee, a request from ORE, CIA, for the downgrading of JANIS 71 (South Central China), Chapter VII, VIII, and IX from "CONFIDENTIAL" to "RESTRICTED". Members are to determine the position of their respective agencies and report at the next meeting.

9. In response to an inquiry by the Navy member, the Chairman stated that present plans contemplate the publication of the complete Standard Instructions for the NIS in printed form as soon as the Committee decides that the revised instructions, which were distributed in mimeographic form as an interim measure, meet the requirements in actual practice. Discussion revealed that members were of the opinion that an early publication of the Standard Instructions in final printed form was desirable. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the members agreed to obtain comments on anything affecting the Standard Instructions and submit them for the consideration of the Committee on or before 15 November 1950, at which time the matter will again be brought up for discussion.

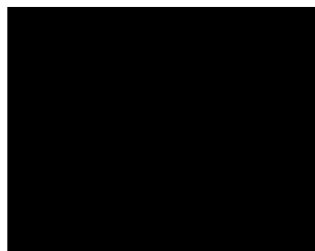
10. The Chairman stated that the Army member had called attention to a number of printing errors in a published NIS section which had been prepared by the Army Transportation Corps. Issuance of an errata appears to be necessary and the Chairman pointed out that it brought up the question of NIS policy on issuances of this type. It was agreed that errata should be issued only on

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errors of some significance and that unimportant minor errors should be corrected under the maintenance program. Members were requested to consider all aspects of this matter and be prepared to discuss it further at the next meeting.

11. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 17 October 1950, at CIA.

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